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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE

ERIC HINES,
PLAINTIFF,

v.

GARY M. LANIGAN, ET AL.
DEFENDANTS.

HON. NOEL L. HILLMAN, U.S.D.J.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A ORDER OF PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
STATEMENT OF THE CASE

THIS IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION BROUGHT UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1993 BY A STATE PRISONER FOR APPROPRIATE COURSE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, PROPER DISPOSABLE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, REQUEST PLAINTIFF BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CORRECTIONAL DO TO THREAT OF BODILY HARM, ASSAULTS, AND USE OF FORCE BY STAFF. WITH INJURY.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

AS STATED IN THE DECLARATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS MOTION, THE PLAINTIFF WAS DENIED APPROPRIATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, PROPER DISPOSABLE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE (DEC. AT P.P. 1-12). REQUEST TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ~~PRISON~~ CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DO TO THREAT OF BODILY HARM, AND USE OF FORCE BY STAFF. (DEC. AT PP 12-25).

ARGUMENT

POINT I

THE PLAINTIFF IS ENTITLED TO A PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION

IN DETERMINING WHETHER A PARTY IS ENTITLED TO A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER OR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, COURTS GENERALLY CONSIDER SEVERAL FACTORS: WHETHER THE PARTY WILL SUFFER IRREPARABLE INJURY, THE "BALANCE OF HARDSHIP" BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS ON THE MERITS, AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST. EACH OF THESE FACTORS FAVORS THE GRANT OF THIS MOTION.

A. THE PLAINTIFF IS THREATENED WITH IRREPARABLE HARM

THE PLAINTIFF ALLEGES HE HAS BEEN DENIED CARE FOR A SERIOUS MEDICAL NEED CONTRARY TO A PHYSICIAN'S INSTRUCTION. SUCH CONDUCT BY PRISON OFFICIALS IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT. ESTELLE V. GAMBLE, 429 U.S. 97, 105, 97 S. CT. 285 (1976) (NOTING THAT "INTENTIONALLY INTERFERING WITH THE TREATMENT ONCE ~~PRESCRIBED~~ PRESCRIBED" IS A FORM OF UNLAWFUL DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE). AS TO THE FORMER THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT IMPOSES UPON PRISON OFFICIALS A DUTY TO PROVIDE HUMANE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENTS. FOR THE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT TO RISE TO THE LEVEL OF AN EIGHTH AMENDMENT VIOLATION, THEY MUST DENY THE MINIMAL CIVILIZED MEASURE OF LIFE'S NECESSITIES. UNSANITARY CONDITIONS CAN BE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL, ALLAH V. BARTKOWSKI, 574 F. APP'X 135, 138 (3d CIR. 2014). AS TO THE LATER, ADA REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT PRISON BE "READY ACCESSIBLE TO AND USABLE BY INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES", 28 C.F.R. §§ 35.150, 35.104; YESKEY V. PA. DEP'T OF CORR., 118 F.3d 168, 172 (3d CIR. 1997). PUSHING A DISABLED INMATE AND CAUSING HIM TO FALL VIOLATED THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT; ~~WINDER~~ WINDER V. LEAK, 790 F. SUPP. 1403, 1407 (N.D. ILL. 1992). AS A MATTER OF LAW, THE CONTINUING DEPRIVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS CONSTITUTES IRREPARABLE HARM. ELROD V. BURNS, 427 U.S. 347, 373, 96 S. CT. 2673 (1976); AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS, INC V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, 559 F.3d 1046, 1058-59 (9th CIR. 2009). THIS PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN APPLIED IN PRISON LITIGATION GENERALLY, SEE JOLLY V. COUCHLIN, 76 F.3d 468, 482 (2d CIR. 1996); NEWSOM V. NORRIS, 888 F.2d 371, 378 (6th CIR. 1989);

MITCHELL V. CUOMO, 748 F.2d 804, 806 (2d CIR. 1984); MCCLENDON V. CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, 272 F.SUPP.2d 1250, 1259 (D.N.M. 2003), AND SPECIFICALLY IN PRISON MEDICAL CARE CASES. PHILLIPS V. MICHIGAN DEP'T OF CORRECTIONS, 731 F.SUPP. 792, 801 (W.D. MICH. 1990), APP'D 932 F.3d 969 (6TH CIR. 1991).

IN ADDITION, THE PLAINTIFF IS THREATENED WITH IRREPARABLE HARM BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF HIS INJURY, WHEELCHAIR BOUND INMATE A MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE COURSE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE PLAINTIFF DESIGNED TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN SEVERE ITCHING, RASH, PENIS BURNING, AND MEDICAL SITUATION WITH POSSIBLE SKIN BREAK DOWN.

COUPLED WITH THREATS OF BODILY HARM BY (S.I.D), ASSAULTS, AND USE OF FORCE BY STAFF, FOR THESE REASON REQUEST TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PLAINTIFF FEARS FOR HIS LIFE. IF HE DOES NOT RECEIVE PROPER TREATMENT AT THE PROPER TIME, OR BE MOVED FOR HIS SAFETY THE SITUATION MAY BE MEDICALLY IRREPARABLE OR DIER.

B. THE BALANCE OF HARDSHIPS FAVORS THE PLAINTIFF

IN DECIDING WHETHER TO GRANT A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS, COURTS ASKS WHETHER THE SUFFERING OF THE MOVING PARTY IF THE ~~MOTION~~ MOTION IS DENIED WILL OUTWEIGH THE SUFFERING OF THE NON-MOVING PARTY IF THE MOTION IS GRANTED. SEE E.G. MITCHELL V. CUOMO, 748 F.2d 804, 808 (2d CIR. 1984) (HOLDING THE DANGERS POSED BY PRISON CROWDING OUTWEIGHED STATES' FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONCERNS); DURAN V. ANAYA, 642 F.SUPP. 510, 527 (D.N.M. 1986) (HOLDING THAT PRISONER'S INTEREST IN SAFETY AND MEDICAL CARE OUTWEIGHED STATES INTEREST IN SAVING MONEY BY CUTTING STAFF).

IN THIS CASE, THE PRESENT SUFFERING OF THE PLAINTIFF AND HIS POTENTIAL SUFFERING IF HE PERMANENTLY ~~SEVERE~~ SEVERE ITCHING, RASH, PENIS BURNING WITH POSSIBLE SKIN BREAK DOWN, NOTTO MENTION THREATS OF BODILY BY THOSE TASK WITH PROTECTING PLAINTIFF OR ASSAULTS AND USE OF FORCE BY STAFF WHICH HAS CAUSE INJURY TO PLAINTIFF.

THE "SUFFERINGS" THE DEFENDANTS WILL EXPERIENCE IF THE COURT

GRANTS THE ORDER WILL CONSIST OF TAKING THE PLAINTIFF TO A SUITABLE DOCTOR AND THEN CARRYING OUT THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS, AND PROMPTLY INVESTIGATING PLAINTIFF'S CLAIMS OF THREATS, ASSAULTS, USE OF FORCE BY STAFF CAUSING INJURY WHICH WAS ALL ON VIDEO CAMERA—SOMETHING THAT THE DEFENDANTS DO, AND ARE OBLIGATED TO DO, FOR MEMBER OF THE PRISON POPULATION ON A DAILY BASIS. THE DEFENDANTS' HARSHNESS AMOUNTS TO NO MORE THAN BUSINESS AS USUAL.

C. THE PLAINTIFF IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON THE MERITS.

THE PLAINTIFF HAS A GREAT LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS ON THE MERITS. WHAT DEFENDANTS HAVE DONE—"INTENTIONALLY INTERFERING WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT DUE PRESCRIBED"—WAS SPECIFICALLY SINGLED OUT BY THE SUPREME COURT AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL "DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE" TO PRISONERS' MEDICAL NEEDS. ESTELLE V. GAMBLE, 429 U.S. 97, 105, 97 S. CT. 285 (1976). MANY OTHER COURTS HAVE HELD THAT THE FAILURE TO CARRY OUT PHYSICIANS' ORDERS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. SEE E.G. JOHNSON V. WRIGHT, 412 F.3d 398, 406 (2d CIR. 2005) (DENIAL OF REBORN THERAPY FOR HERPES IS CONTRARY TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ALL THE PLAINTIFF'S TREATING PHYSICIANS); LAWSON V. DALLAS COUNTY, 286 F.3d 257, 263 (5TH CIR. 2002) (DISREGARD FOR FOLLOW-UP CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARAPLEGIC); LOPEZ V. SMITH, 203 F.3d 1122, 1132 (9TH CIR. 2000) (FAILURE TO PROVIDE LIQUID DIET FOR PRISONER WITH A BROKEN JAW, AND SUBSTITUTION TO HURLED DIET THAT COULD NOT BE DRUNK THROUGH A STRAW, STATED A CLAIM TO INTERFERENCE WITH RECEIVED TREATMENT); ROEHL V. DALSTEIN, 85 F.3d 86, 88 (2d CIR. 1996) (DENIAL OF PRESCRIPTION EYE GLASSES SUFFICIENTLY ALLEGED DELIBERATE ~~INTERFERENCE~~ INDIFFERENCE); ERICKSON V. HOLLOWAY, 77 F.3d 1078, 1080-81 (8TH CIR. 1996) (OFFICER'S REFUSAL OF EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTORS TO ADMIT THE PRISONER AND TAKE X-RAYS); ASWEGAN V. BRULL, 965 F.2d 676, 677-68 (8TH CIR. 1992) (FAILURE TO HONOR DOCTOR'S ORDERS AND REFRAIN FROM CUFFING THE PLAINTIFF'S HANDS BEHIND HIS BACK); BORRETTI V. WISDOMB, 930 F.2d 1150, 1156 (6TH CIR. 1991) (NURSES FAILURE TO REFORM PRESCRIBED DRESSING CHANGE).

D. THE RELIEF SOUGHT WILL SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

IN THIS CASE, THE GRANT OF RELIEF WILL SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BECAUSE IT IS ALWAYS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR PRISON OFFICIALS TO OBEY THE LAW, ESPECIALLY THE CONSTITUTION. PHELPS v. ROOPER, V. NIXON, 545 F.3d 685, 690 (8TH CIR. 2008); DURAN V. ANAYA, 642 F. SUPP. 510, 527 (D.N.M. 1986) ("RESPECT FOR LAW, PARTICULARLY BY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM, IS IN ITSELF A MATTER OF THE HIGHEST PUBLIC INTEREST.") LIEWELYN V. OAKLAND COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, 402 F.SUPP. 1379, 2393 (E.D.MICH. 1975) (STATING "THE CONSTITUTION IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST").

POINT II

THE PLAINTIFF SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO POST SECURITY

USUALLY A LITIGANT WHO OBTAINS INTERIM INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IS ASKED TO POST SECURITY. RULE 65 (C), FED. R. CIV. P., HOWEVER, THE PLAINTIFF IS AN INDIGENT PRISONER AND IS UNABLE TO POST SECURITY. THE COURT HAS DISCRETION TO EXCUSE AN IMPOVERISHED LITIGANT FROM POSTING SECURITY. ELLIOTT V. KIESEWETTER, 98 F.3d 47, 60 (3d CIR. 1996) (STATING THAT DISTRICT COURT HAVE DISCRETION TO WAIVE THE BOND REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN RULE 65 (C) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE IF "THE BALANCE OF THE EQUITIES WEIGHS OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF THE PARTY SEEKING THE INJUNCTION"); MOLTAN CO. V. EAGLE-PITCHER INDUSTRIES, INC., 55 F.3d 1171, 1176 (6TH CIR. 1995). IN VIEW OF THE PARTY SERIOUS MEDICAL DANGER CONFRONTING THE PLAINTIFF, THE COURT SHOULD GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED WITHOUT REQUIRING THE POSTING OF SECURITY.

CONCLUSION

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THE COURT SHOULD GRANT THE MOTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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